

Media consolidation is very dangerous to our democracy, as shown by the example of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a one-sided piece like "Stolen Honor" just days before the election.

The law obligates those who transmit information via our public airwaves (and free of charge at that) to serve the public interest. That obligation is not met when large media like Sinclair provide only information that serves their interests and not those of the public.

The least they could do is also show an equivalent piece from the perspective of the "other side" ... like "Going Upriver," though I believe that, if our democracy is to survive, we need to hear all points of view presently as objectively as possible. And that news needs to be more than sound bites and propaganda. We need more in-depth news and 'real' debates on the issues.

Media ownership rules need to be strengthened to protect our democracy and our country. There needs to be objective oversight and accountability.

And our media need to provide us with the news and information we need -- both local and world-wide -- on a

day-to-day basis.

Thank you.